

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the above-identified Office Action dated July 28, 2004, Applicant has amended claims 2, 10, and 12, and has added new claims 22 and 23. Accordingly, claims 2-10 and 12-23 are pending in the present application.

For the reasons set forth more fully below, Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant has amended claim 10 to be of independent form, including the limitations of its base claim, independent claim 2. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant appreciates and respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 20 and 21 are allowed.

Applicant has amended independent claims 2 and 12 to include the feature of the task manager as a main program thread of an operating system, as recited in allowed independent claim 20. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims now include subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner and thus are in condition for allowance. Applicant further respectfully submits that the cited art rejection against each of these claims is now moot.

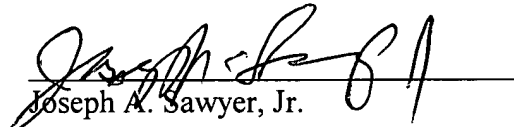
In addition, claims 3-10 and 13-19 depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 2 or 12. Therefore, these claims also are respectfully submitted as allowable for at least those reasons associated with claim 2 or 12, and the cited art rejections against these claims are respectfully submitted as being moot.

Furthermore, Applicant has added new claims 22 and 23 dependent off of claims 2 and 12, respectively. Claims 22 and 23 each recite the aspects of allowed claim 20 not previously recited with respect to claims 2 and 12. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 22 and 23 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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